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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: : Group Art Unit 1615  
EDWARD L. TOBINICK :  
Serial No.: 09/654,996 : Examiner Lakshmi S. Channavajjala  
Filed: September 5, 2000 : January 22, 2002  
For: TNF MODULATORS FOR :  
TREATING NEUROLOGICAL :  
DISORDERS ASSOCIATED WITH :  
VIRAL INFECTION :

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action.

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 to 48 by combining Alexander and Christensen. In addition, the Examiner has rejected Claims 49 to 84 by combining Alexander, Christensen and Andrusis. For the following reasons, these patents, either alone, or in combination, do not teach the invention as claimed. For example, it is not obvious to combine these patents to teach combining a TNF antagonist with an antiviral agent to treat specific neurological and viral conditions.